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PROJECT TIGER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Project Tiger already under implementation in various States alongwith the results achieved;

(b) whether the Government proposes to start the Project in other States also; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) Project Tiger is an ongoing, focussed Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, providing funding support to 17 tiger range States in the country, for in-situ conservation of tiger in the 37 designated tiger reserves. It has put the endangered tiger on an assured path of recovery by saving it from extinction, as reveled by the recent findings of the All India tiger estimation using the refined methodology.This independent report highlights the achievements of Project Tiger by showing that viable tiger population exists only in tiger reserve areas, which are under the jurisdiction of Project Tiger, while the status of outside populations are highly depleted. Details of funding support provided to States under Project Tiger, during the last 3 years are at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) Approval for establishing new Tiger Reserves is based on proposals received from States, as per the enabling provisions contained in the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, vis-Ã -vis the status of tiger and its habitat in the proposed area.